

Commencement

Indiana State School for the Deaf

Indianapolis



School Auditorium
Tuesday, June Third
Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-two
At 8:30 P.M.

Graduating Class of 1952

Here endeth; here beginneth

Class Flower

Sunburst Rose

Bolen, Ruth Eleanor	Wakarusa
Buten, Margery Kay	Madison
Clements, Dorothy Irene	Montgomery
Davissan, Flo Ellen	Washington
Goodman, Norma Jean	Bruceville
Gormat, George	Gary
Hagemeyer, Theodore McKinley	Stendal
Hoff, Carol Jean	Sunman
Messer, Jack Reed	North Manchester
McConnell, Martha Jean	Elkhart
Robbins, Genevieve	Fountain City
Stage, Phyllis Ruth	Angola
Storm, William Dearwood	Cannelton
Stouse, James Onie	Kokomo
Vandeverter, Dale Eugene	Worthington
Young, Keith Edward	Indianapolis

BENEDICATION - - - - - Rev. Thomas Finneran
 RECEPTIONAL; *Great and Marvelous Are Thy Works* - - A. G. Gaul
 Pianist
 Erna Santarossa.

(Seniors will receive in the gymnasium immediately following this program)

THE HON. HENRY F. SCHRICKER
Governor of Indiana

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VALEDICTORY

We, the members of the Class of 1952, stand at the meeting of a happy past and an unknown future. This means we have reached not the end, but the Commencement of our lives. However, it is with a feeling of sadness that we come together, as a class, for the last time. We have climbed the "Ladder of Education" from the kindergarten class through high school, and, at long last, we have reached our goal—Graduation! Long will we remember the happy days and years spent together in the classrooms and on the campus of our beloved school. We have shared our pleasures, our triumphs, and our disappointments for so long that it will be hard for us to part. This has been our "home" and we love it!

We count among our most treasured possessions the educational advantages which the State of Indiana has made possible for us to enjoy. We wish to express our gratitude to our State, our Governor, the Board of Trustees, our Superintendent, our Principal, our teachers, and, last but not least, our parents, for all that they have done for us. May we prove our appreciation by being worthy citizens of our Hoosier State.

We are thankful that we live in America which has given us freedom, education, love, and truth. Those of us who have spent all of our lives in America cannot realize perhaps the blessings of living in such a land. It is only when we learn of conditions in certain other lands that we begin to understand what America really means. America is, indeed, a land of liberty and opportunity!

As we go forth into this land of opportunity to take our places, let us pledge ourselves to live and work in such a way as to bring pride to our school, our State, and our Country. With the valuable lessons which our school has taught us, and the Golden Rule which the Bible has taught us, we shall strive to grow in character and in patriotism. We shall strive for the high ideals for which our democracy stands and keep and the spirit of Americanism burning bright. Only as we build faithfully and well, can our nation continue to grow in strength and prosperity.

May God, in His love and mercy, watch over and guide our country. May He bless each one present this evening.

In behalf of the of 1952, I bid you a fond farewell.

Flo Ellen Davisson

SALUTATORY

Honorable Governor Schricker, members of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Raney, Mr. Rawlings, teachers, parents, and friends:—In behalf of the Class of 1952, I greet you and extend to you a most cordial welcome. The word, *welcome*, not only assures you a kind reception, but it also conveys to you the thoughts and feelings that arise in us but cannot be expressed in mere words.

Our graduation would be incomplete without your presence here tonight. We know you have followed us through our school years with interest, and we want you to share this important occasion with us. Tonight, we have arrived at the goal for which we have long been striving. Perhaps this is the most important occasion we have yet known. However, we realize that we still have a long way to go—for in the words of our motto: "Here endeth; here beginneth."

This evening, we have come to realize fully the value of the many happy years we have shared here and it is with mixed emotions that we must leave. As we welcome you to our graduation, our hearts are filled with grateful appreciation for your help in making it possible for us to attain our goal. We shall never forget the encouraging words, the helping hands, and the kind understanding of our friends. To our school and to our State, we give our deepest thanks.

Again, the Class of 1952 bide you welcome to our Commencement program.

Keith Young